

# Science Reporter



## NUTRITION AND INTELLIGENCE

Thanks for the very informative article **Does your Food Affect your Intelligence?** (March 2016) on nutrients in the diet that have significant role in shaping the neural structure of the brain and determining



the learning abilities and intellectual potential of a person.

Today, with research in the field of nutrition it is possible to suggest that poor nutrition during neonatal infancy and below six years of age will show lifelong effects on cognitive development. As compared to the Asian countries, Western countries are well aware about the importance of nutritional diet during neonatal infancy. It is also well-known that the type of nutritional diet given to developing infants shows long-term effects.

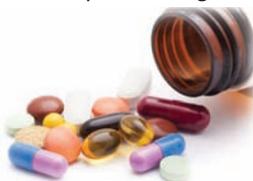
Priyanka Sharma has given us healthy information on intellectual development matters by giving examples and recent references of related research work in the field of intellectual abilities of an individual.

Dr. Anil M. Khole

## AFFORDABLE DRUGS

I just read your editorial in April 2016 issue of Science Reporter. It is very informative and well written. The comparison of the

two cases of Martin Shkreli of Turing and Yusuf Hamied of Cipla is very well brought out.



Provision of drugs at affordable prices to all members of the society is the responsibility of the government and it should ensure that no one should die due to lack of money, when an effective treatment exists. Your editorial is an effort in achieving this goal.

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## TRIBUTE TO SOLDIERS

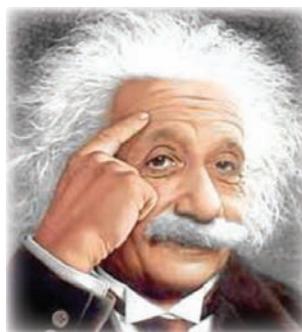
This has reference to your soul-stirring editorial **Tragedy on the Icy Heights** (March 2016). We are definitely proud of our brave soldiers who are bearing the brunt of the fury of nature while keeping a vigil on the scary heights so that we can live peacefully. Lance Naik Hanumanthappa and his colleagues who have laid down their lives for the sake of the country are the true sons of the soil.

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## EINSTEIN'S BRAIN

The story of the investigation and study of Einstein's brain in the article **Enigma of Einstein's Brain** (April 2016) was fascinating. It is true that if anyone's brain should have been studied it was Einstein, the genius that he was.



But the criticism of the studies by experts, as mentioned in the article, was equally noteworthy. Especially, the comments by Prof. Terence Hines of Pace University, New York that structure-function issues cannot be resolved by studying post-mortem brains, rather modern techniques such as Positron Emission Tomography should be used to study live brains of exceptionally brilliant individuals.

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## UNIQUE INDIAN FLAVOUR

It was good to know that Indian food is making waves the world over for its unique taste and that there is science behind this phenomenon.



The article **The Great Indian Flavour** (April 2016) brought out the IIT-Kharagpur study on Indian flavours very lucidly and interestingly. It is good to know that the unique flavours that we manage to bring out in our foods is due to an interplay of scientific phenomena.

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